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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Christoph Seidel, et al.**
Serial No.: **09/896,032**
Filed: **June 29, 2001**
For: **METHOD FOR DETERMINING EARLY HCV SEROCONVERSION**
Group Art Unit: **1648**
Examiner: **D.C. Wortman**

September 17, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE

Sir:

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002.

The required fee for this three-month extension is \$920.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Accordingly, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for this Request for Extension of Time. If the fee is missing or insufficient, please charge to Account 500624.

Respectfully submitted,

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